

REMARKS

Claims 2-16, 40, 41, and 44-46 are pending with this paper. Applicant is canceling 1, 17-39, 42, and 43 without prejudice. Applicant is adding dependent claims 45-46.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 2-16, 40, 41, and 44 and the withdrawal of the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Claims Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US 202/0128939 (Tarrant).

Applicant is canceling claim 1 without prejudice.

Claims Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 21-24, 30, 35-36, and 42-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2002/0128939 (Tarrant) in view of US 2002/0078003 (Krysiak).

Applicant is canceling claims 21-24, 30, 35-36, and 42-43 without prejudice.

Claims 17-20, 25-29, 31-34, and 37-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2002/0128939 (Tarrant) and US 2002/0078003 (Krysiak) in view of US 2002/0152086 (Smith).

Applicant is canceling claims 17-20, 25-29, 31-34, and 37-39 without prejudice.

New Claims

Applicant is adding claims 45-46, which are supported by the specification as originally filed. For example, the present application discloses (Paragraph 56.):

Of these criteria, proxy trust parameters can be used to indicate or determine whether or not a party can forward requests to other trusted parties. Exemplary proxy trust parameters may include, but are not limited to the following: can this party forward requests to other trusted parties (propagating requests through multiple degrees of separation); can this party add new trusted users (once a party's entity trust information is discovered in the network, does a trusted user have the right to update the requestor's records); can this party communicate "entity opinions" through the network (beyond creating new records, does a


trusted party have the ability to pass along the trust ratings or subjective opinions of the network back to the original requestor); and other activities a trusted entity can perform on behalf of the trusting party including dynamically created proxy parameters that are specified by any two cooperating parties within a transitive trust network.

Claims 45-46 depend from independent claim 13, which has been allowed.

All objections and rejections have been addressed. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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